check pollution in the Hussain Sagar and Jeedimetla areas in Hyderabad; and

(b) if so, the details of the assistance sought and the response of the Australian Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The Australian Government has agreed to commission a pre-feasibility study with regard to a project seeking assistance for installation of effluent control and treatment systems, training and plantation activities to reduce pollution and for environmental improvement in the Hussain Sagar and in the Jeedimetla areas.

Productivity at Calcutta port

*318. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Calcutta Port continues to suffer from low producivity due to obsolete equipments;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Port authorities have been diverting the Calcutta Port traffic generally;

(c) whether the traffic movement during the last several years has been sluggish with moderate revenue earnings;

(d) whether the authorities had submitted a comprehensive plan for revamping the port; and

(e) if so, the details of the plans for improving the Calcutta Port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (e) The productivity performance of Calcutta Port Trust mostly compares favourably with norms which have been set keeping in view all factors including equipment profile. There is no diversion of traffic and cargo handled as well as the operating income have grown at an average annual rate of 5 per cent and 17 per cent respectively over the past three years.

Port development is an on going process and the programmes are finalised according to the need and availability of funds from time to time. Calcutta Port Trust have submitted proposals for 8th Plan at an estimated cost of Rs. 937 crores which *inter-alia* includes scheme for replacement of floating crafts and equipments.

Sale of blue prints on HBJ pipeline as wastepaper

*319. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sensitive blue prints in respect of the HBJ pipeline project prepared in 1987 were recently sold as waste paper;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted an inquiry into the sale of such highly sensitive documents; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereto and the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI S. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise

War in J&K

*320. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Integration Council at its meeting held on the 31st December, 1991 resolved unitedly to fight the proxy war being waged in J&K by Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN):

Statement

(a) and (b) National Integration Council, at its meeting held on 31st December, 1991, adopted a Resolution in which it, *inter-alia*, underlined that efforts must be made to evolve 'national consensus to deal with the challenge posed by proxy war inflicted on the country'.

In the State, relentless pressure on terrorists has been mounted and the vigil on the border has been continued; intelligence operations have been further intensified. Besides highlighting Pakistan's involvement in aiding and abetting international terrorism, diplomatic intiatives have been taken to counter their efforts to internationalise the Kashmir issue. Counter measures have been comtinued to meet the disinformation campaign launched by Pakistan.

Towards evolving national consensus, efforts have continued even from before; a meeting of the leaders of political parties and prominent personalities of the State was held on 13-11-1991, the Consultative Committee of Ministry of Home Affairs discussed the situation in Jammu and Kashmir on 13-12-1991, and an all party Conference on 10-2-1992 also deliberated on the situation in the State.

With a view to recommencing the political process, a State level Advisory Council has been set up recently on which representatives of various major political parties are represented. Efforts are also being made to associate representatives of political parties and prominent public citizens formally or informally in redressal of grievances and attending to development matters.

Crash Programme to issue Ecomark Lables

3023. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised any crash programme to issue "Ecomark" labels to 15 industrial products by April end;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Steering Committee for 'Eco-Mark' is considering some range of products to be cleared for 'Eco-mark' label;

(d) whether one of these items is 'food preservatives and additives' wherein artificial colours and flavours are also mixed, although these do not have any food value;

(e) whether these colours and flavours are deleterious to human health, if not, the prescribed standards in this regard; and

(f) whether Government would consider these artificial colours and flavours being brought within the 'Eco-mark' label scheme and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STAE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) The Government have identified sixteen categories of consumer products to be taken up in the first phase under the scheme of labelling of Environment Friendly Products and for which criteria for ECOMARK are being decided. The draft criteria for these product categories are likely to be finalised by